# Chapter 7: Savages

THE STORY SO FAR...
Kai was summoned as a *marebito*, a powerful guardian, to protect Sakura, a princess in another world. However, Sakura was taken by enemy forces. By using the identity of major Grey, Sakura's dead companion, Kai is now leading a small military force tasked with the impossible mission to take the fortress Sakura is being held in.
BOOM
BANG
CLANG
HAA!
SLASH
BAM
BLAM
BLAM

BAM
BLAM
FLANK THEM AND CRUSH THEM!
IT'S JUST ONE UNIT!
BLAM
2
RUBE!
AMMO COUNT!
ABOUT TEN PER, CORPO-RAL!
TOK
ZING
KRAK
BOSS!
I KNOW!
WE'RE RUNNING LOW!
WAS I DECEIVED AGAIN ?
JUST HELP ME RUSH TO THE ADAARI PRINCESS
AND REGARD-LESS OF NUMBERS, OUR VICTORY WILL BE SECURED

NO!
SLICE
...AND RIGHT NOW HE'S IN THERE HIMSELF, RISKING HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE THE PRINCESS!
NO, HE'D HAVE NO REASON TO LIE.
!!
DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
RUBEI!
HUK—
THOK

AAAAAA
CHARGE!

RUSH

MAJOR,
COME ON!!

?!
THK
KHUP!

sssssshh

THOK
THUK
THUNK
THK
THOK

WHAT...?
KRAOOM

BLAM
FUH—
FIRE!
BAM
BLAM
!!
7
SSSS
CRRRACK

?!
8
KHOOM

KHK
BUT...
HHH...
GA
9
LEAP
FLICK!
BLAM
BLAM

BADADADADADADADADAM
BLAM BLAM
BAM
BAM BAM BAM
AAAH!!
10
SHINNNN
FSSHH

THAT...
IS THAT...?
THAT HAS TO BE THE SECRET WEAPON THE MAJOR TALKED ABOUT!

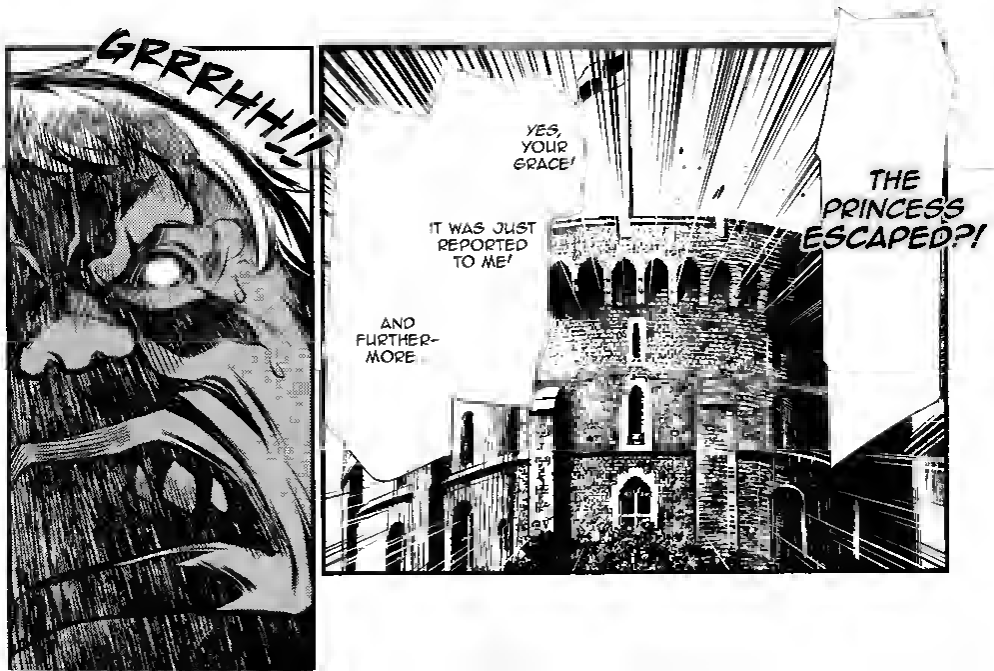
TOF TOF
LIEUTENANT LIGIA!

I AM SAKURA SHAKUNTIIRA ADONIERA.
I WAS TOLD THOU HAST WORKED HARD AND RISKED MUCH TO RESCUE ME.
THOU HAST MY GRATITUDE.
O
OKAY.

KHOOM
HM...
modest and shy!
IS THIS THE PRINCESS ?
SHE DOES NOT LOOK LIKE HE DESCRIBED
THIS SERVANT OF MINE
IT SEEMS HE'S QUICKER TO GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF THINGS!
SER-VANT...?!
WAIT, ARE YOU SAYING THAT'S—
!!
INDEED IT IS.
BUT DO NOT GET CLOSE, DEAR.
THE POWER MAKES HIM QUITE MINO-LESS
SLAM

I DO BELIEVE THOU HAST A BATTLE TO WIN...?
HAST THOU THE TIME TO CHAT LIKE THIS?
BUT REALLY...

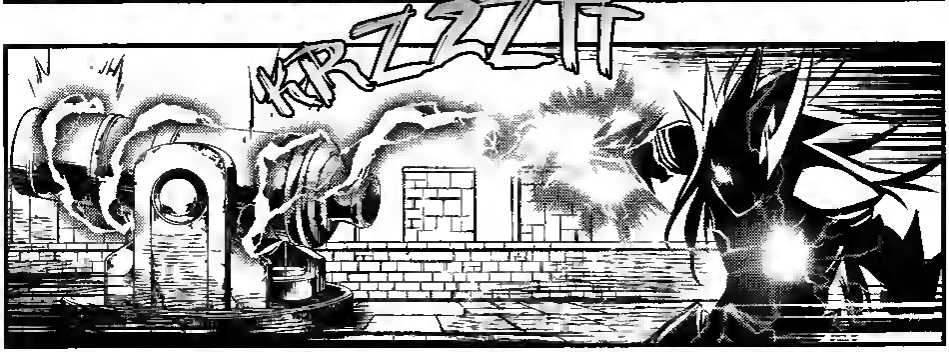
YES, MA'AM!
LET'S MAKE USE OF THIS CHAOS!
LEMURIAN COMPANY!
OF...
OF COURSE!


GRRRHH!!
YES, YOUR GRACE!
IT WAS JUST REPORTED TO ME!
AND FURTHER-MORE...
THE PRINCESS ESCAPED?!

SO IT SEEMS, YOUR GRACE
A...
A GOD-CURSED?!

FUCKING LEMURIANS!
THAT'S WHY THEY STOLE MY AMBROSIA!
BECAUSE THEY'VE DUG UP A FUCKING HUMAN TO BEAR THE CURSE!
KRIK

BOOM
BOOM

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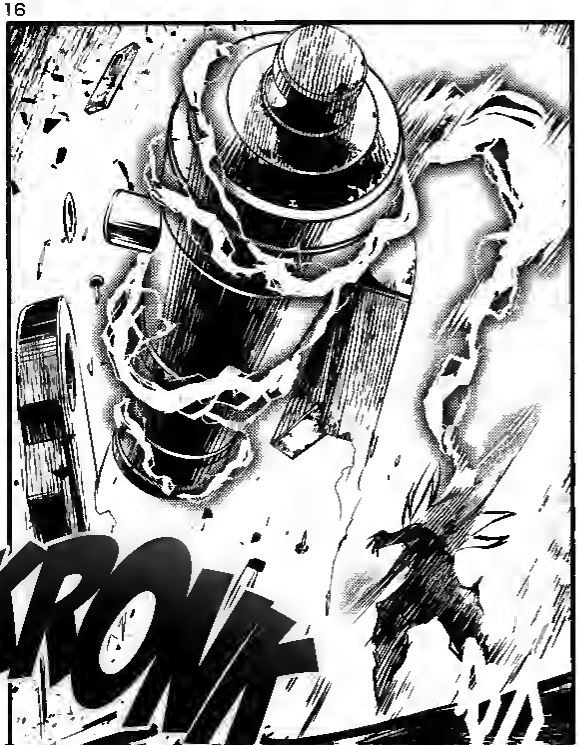
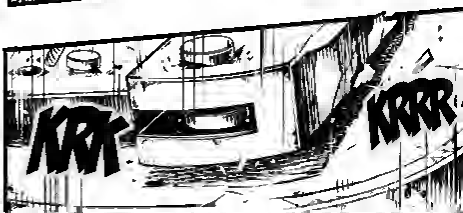


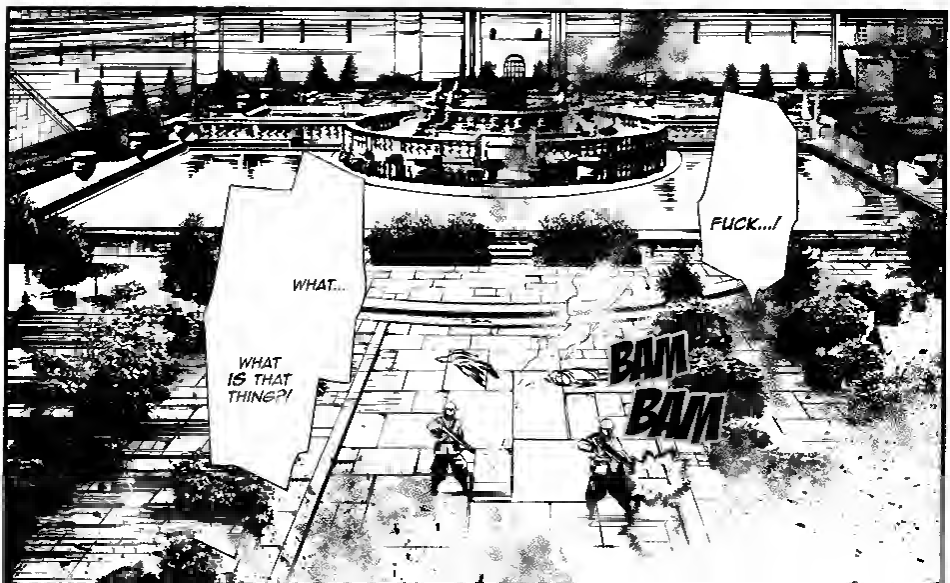


AAH...!
AND SUCH A BARBARIC WAY OF FIGHTING...
TEARING AND THROWING AND SMASHING
IT'S SO UGLY!
IT'S REVOLTING!
COMPLETELY OUTSIDE ALL CIVILIZED AND SOPHISTICATED WAYS TO WAR!
Y. YOUR GRAAACE
?

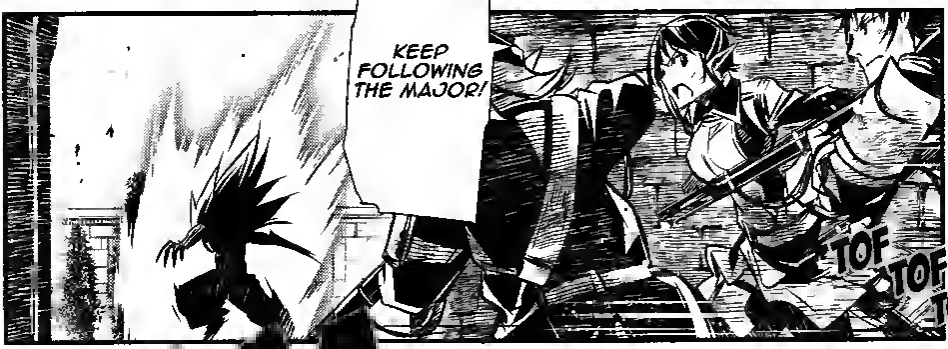
BOOM
HIIIH!!
SSH
18
A
AAH
CLATTER
TINK
CLINK

AS A GAZURO, IT IS MY NOBLE CALLING TO BE A PATRON OF HIGH ART!
I COLLECT, CULTIVATE AND NURTURE BEAUTY, SOPHISTICATION, LUXURY...
THE HALLMARKS OF CIVILIZATION!
I AM A CUSTODIAN OF THE GLORY OF DHALA!
AND HERE COMES THIS BELLOWING SAVAGE...
AND SMEARS SHIT ALL OVER IT!
YOUR GRACE...
YOU FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE...
YOU KILL POISON WITH POISON!
AND YOU FIGHT SAVAGES WITH SAVAGERY!
I MUST USE IT.

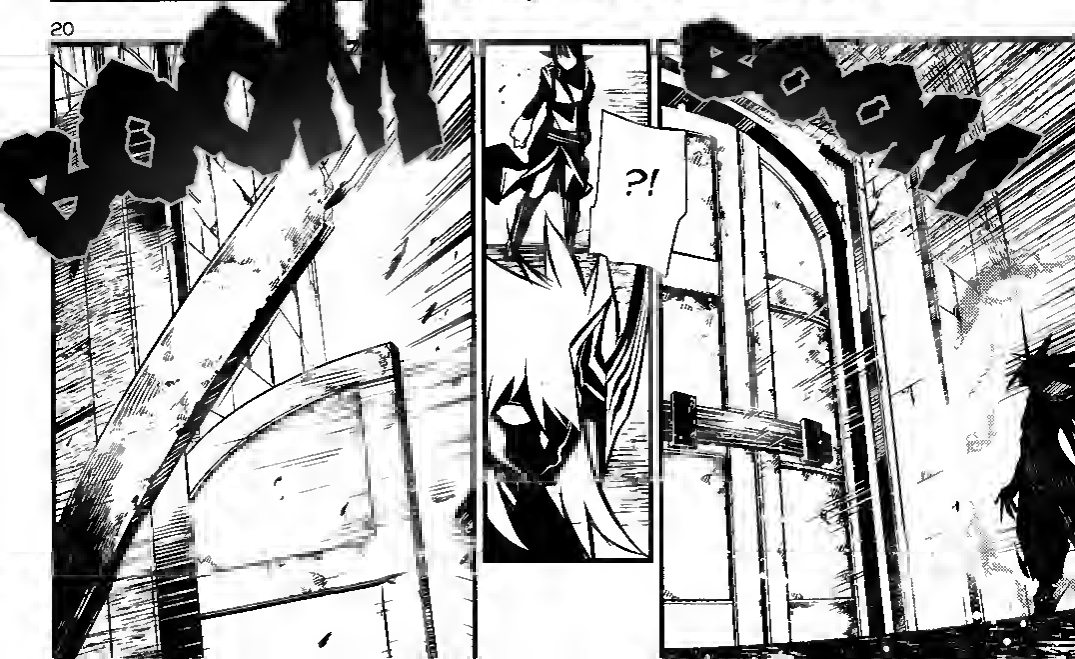



FUCK...!
WHAT...
WHAT IS THAT THING?!
BAM BAM

WHOOM


KEEP FOLLOWING THE MAJOR!
TOF
TOF
TOF




BOOM
?!
BOOM

STOMP

WHA...
WHAT THE FUCK?!
A GOLEM
A TRULY ANCIENT WEAPON FROM THE AGE OF THE GODS
ONE OF THE VERY FEW THAT STILL REMAIN
...
22
...BUT YOUR CARELESS ABUSE OF SUPERSTITIOUS NONSENSE IS FORCING ME TO MAKE USE OF THIS BARBAROUS AND UNCOUTH ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION!
KRRR
DO YOU SEE WHAT YOU'VE MADE ME DO, LEMURIANS?!
I AM SWORN TO GUARD THE WAYS OF CIVILIZATION...
CLONG
...AND I WILL HAVE SATISFACTION BY CRUSHING YOU ALL!!
I WILL NOT FORGIVE THIS INSULT TO MY HONOR...

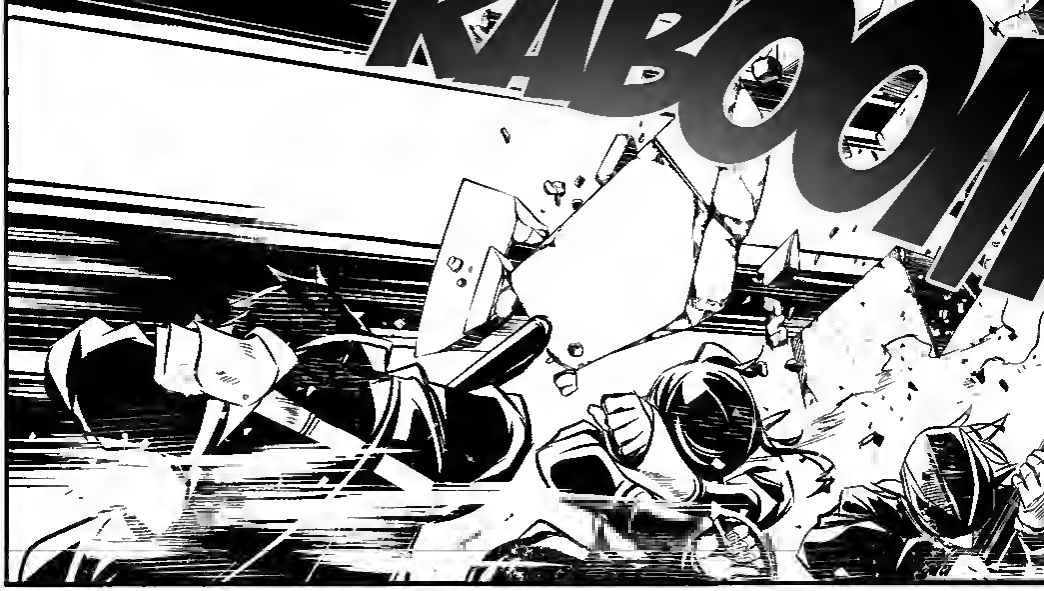
CLASH
GRAH!
GRRIGH
SSSSSSSS
NO EFFECT
KRAKOOOM

WHRRRR
...!!
DESPITE YOUR REVOLTING STYLE, YOU FIGHT QUITE WELL FOR AN OBSOLETE, BARBARIC ABOMINATION!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!
24
THUD
BOOM
BUT THAT WON'T STAVE OFF YOUR RIGHTFUL EXTINCTION!
WHAM

MAJOR!
CLATTER

PING
TING
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
FIRE!

BRRRRR
WRRRRRR
HOW QUAINT.


KABOOM

PING
PLINK
BAM
BLAM
BAM

BLAM
BAM
DO YOU REALLY IMAGINE YOUR LITTLE GUNS WILL DO ANY KIND OF HARM AT ALL?
BOOM

WHOOM
KRAK
CRUMBLE
CLATTER
!!
ALL THE MEN WHO STUCK WITH ME THIS FAR
THIS IS OVER
PREPARE YOUR-SELVES
KRRRK

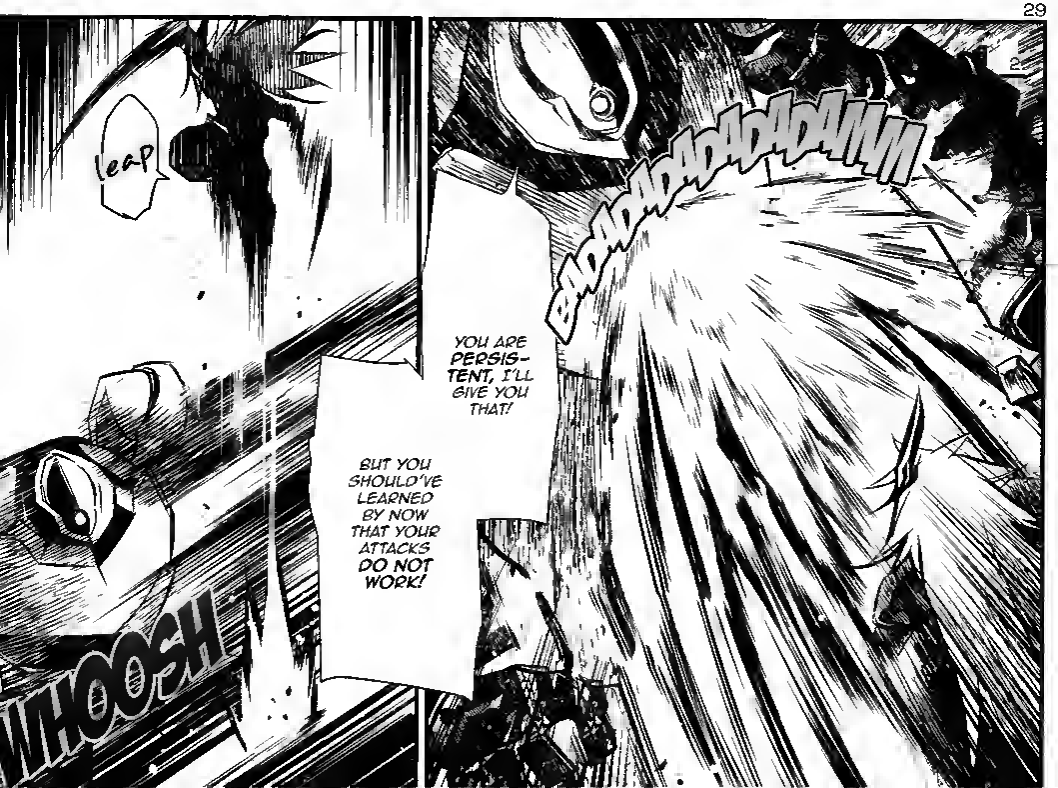
DID I LEAD THEM INTO SOME KIND OF DELUSION AFTER ALL?
SOME KIND OF FEVER DREAM.

WHIRRRRR
...WHERE WE ALL STRICKED OURSELVES INTO THINKING WE COULD SOMEHOW TAKE THIS FORTRESS?
KRZZLT

DID HE...
DID HE REALLY SHIELD US FROM THAT BLOW WITH HIS OWN BODY?!
MAJOR GREY...?!

slip




leap
WHOOSH
BUT YOU SHOULD'VE LEARNED BY NOW THAT YOUR ATTACKS DO NOT WORK!
YOU ARE PERSISTENT, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT!
BADADADADADADAM!!!

BAM BAM BAM BAM
BAM BAM
GAZURO'S RIGHT!
FOR ALL HIS POWER...
...THE MAJOR'S NOT EVEN BUDGING THAT THING!
BUT HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S QUITTING ANY TIME SOON.

NO.
I SEE WHAT HE INTENDS.
LOOK PAST THE LIGHTNING AND WILD MOVEMENTS...
...AND THOU ALSO WILT SEE THAT HE IS FOCUSING NEARLY ALL OF HIS ATTACKS ON THE EXACT SAME AREA AT THE CENTER OF THE TORSO.
HE IS ATTEMPTING TO WEAR THROUGH THE GOLEM'S ARMOR.

MEN!
READY YOUR GUNS!
CLICK
CLACK
AIM AT THE POINT THE MAJOR'S STRIKING!
BLAM
BAM
FIRE!
BAM
SOMETIMES, A SCRATCH CAN BE JUST WHAT'S NEEDED.
HAH!
IF YOUR PET MONSTER CAN'T BREAK THROUGH, AT BEST YOUR BULLETS WILL ONLY SCRATCH THE SURFACE!
SSSSSSSSS
SPAK
PING
KRAK

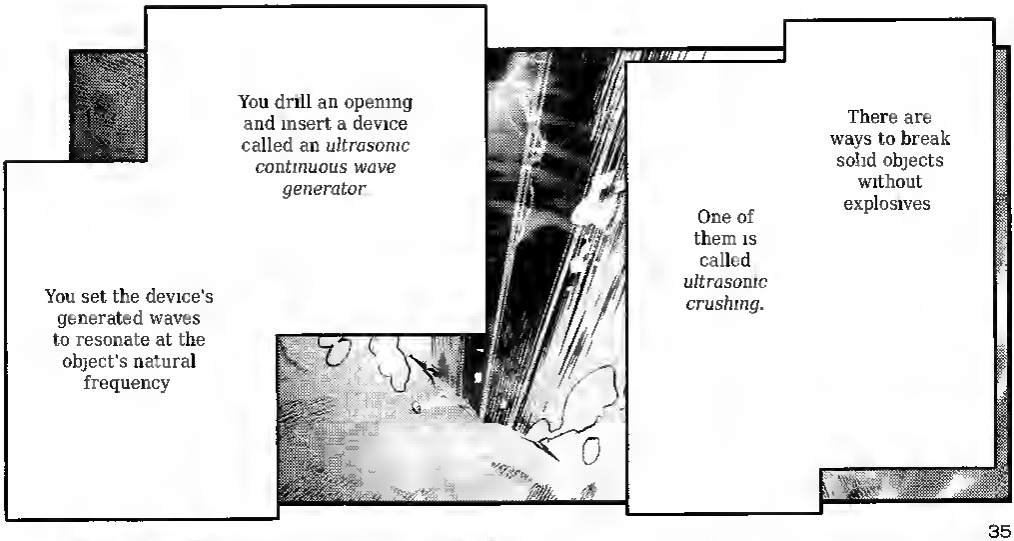
I SEE SOMETHING IS GUIDING THEE
LET IT LEAD
CLANG

KRRRRRRR
IMPRESSIVE!

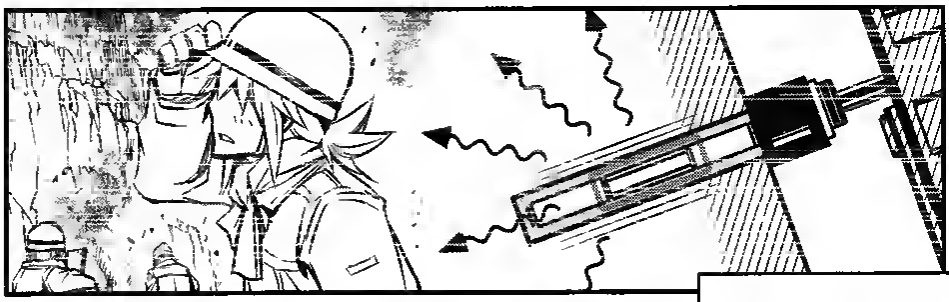
BLOOOSH

SUBMERGING THE GOLEM IN WATER
AS IF THAT WILL HAVE ANY KIND OF EFFECT!
BUT FOOLISH!
KRIK

CRONG
BRREEE
WHAT?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
EEEEEE
...?!


You drill an opening and insert a device called an *ultrasonic continuous wave generator*
You set the device's generated waves to resonate at the object's natural frequency
There are ways to break solid objects without explosives
One of them is called *ultrasonic crushing.*





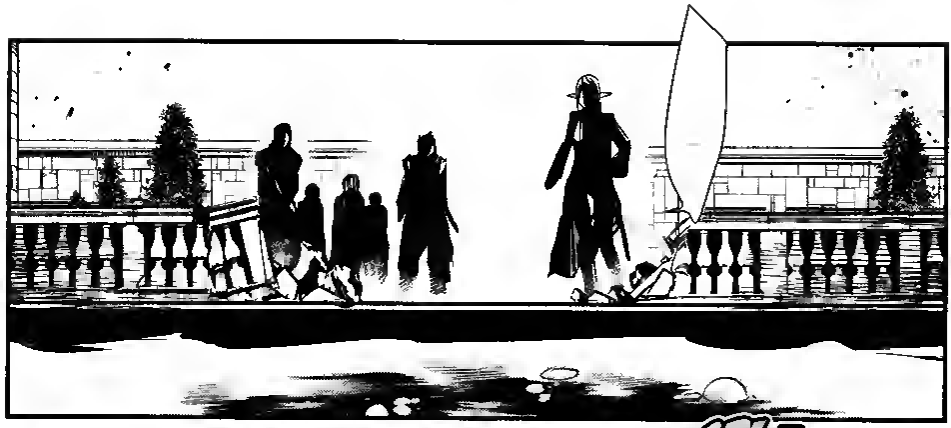
By mimicking and amplifying the natural vibrations of the solid object, you make it literally shake itself apart

Kai's cursed form is almost entirely without rational thought, but memories and past experiences can still surface and roughly inform its actions

EEEEEE

STAB
BA
BOOM

?!
DEFEATED AFTER ALL...!
KILLED BY THE UNTHINKING REMNANT OF A FORGOTTEN GOD...
IS THIS THEN THE POWER...
...OF THE MAGIC OF OLD!!?

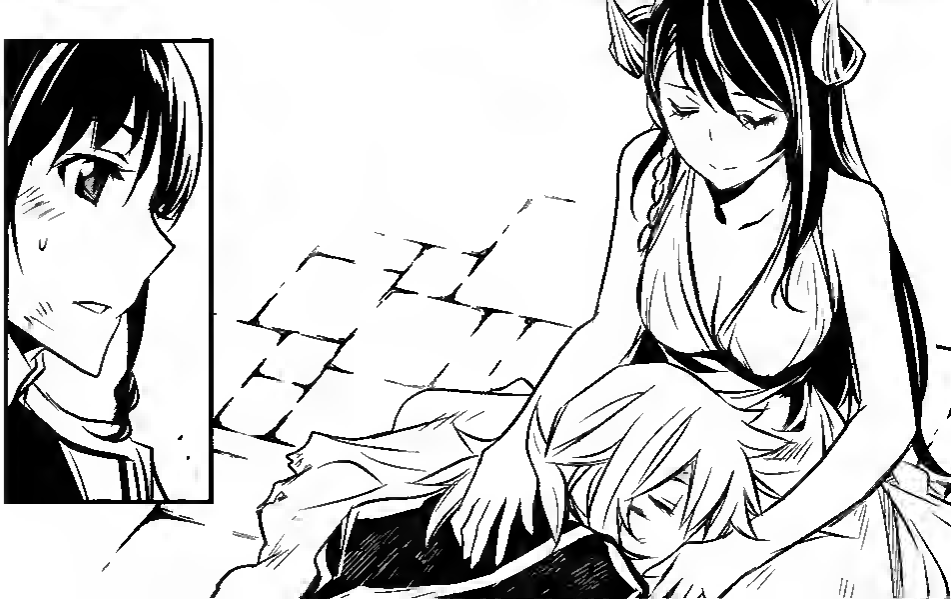


SPLASH

Kneel
THY PAIN IS LIFTED

CLINK
TINK
...

MAJOR GREY...
ssssshh
?!
!!
KAI!
baf
shimmer



YES, MA'AM!
MEN! ROUND UP WHAT REMAINS OF THE ENEMY!
BOSS! THEIR COMMANDER IS DEAD! THE ENEMY HAS SURRENDERED!
AH?!
WE DID IT

WE FUCKIN' WON!
THAT'S RIGHT, BOSS
WE DID IT!
THANK YOU
KAI

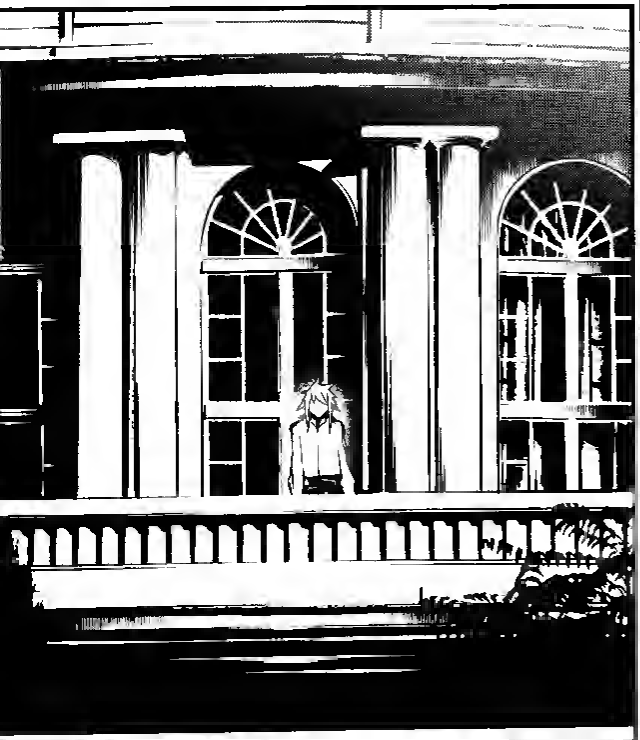
nuh . . .

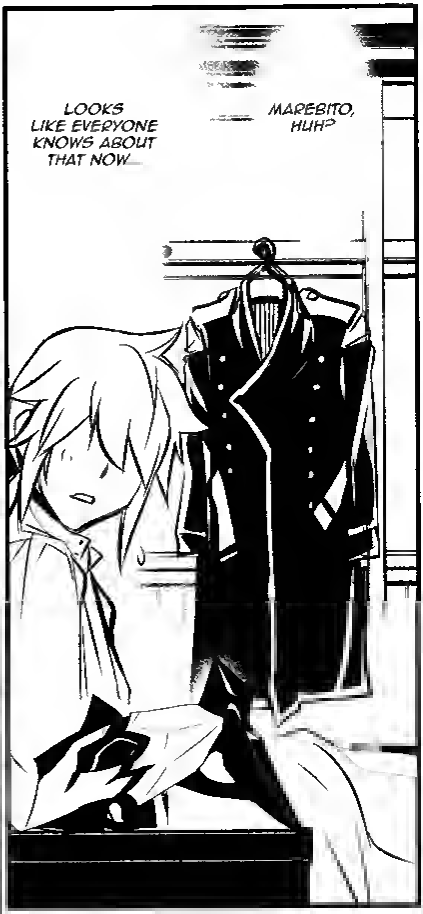
WHERE
WHERE'S THIS?

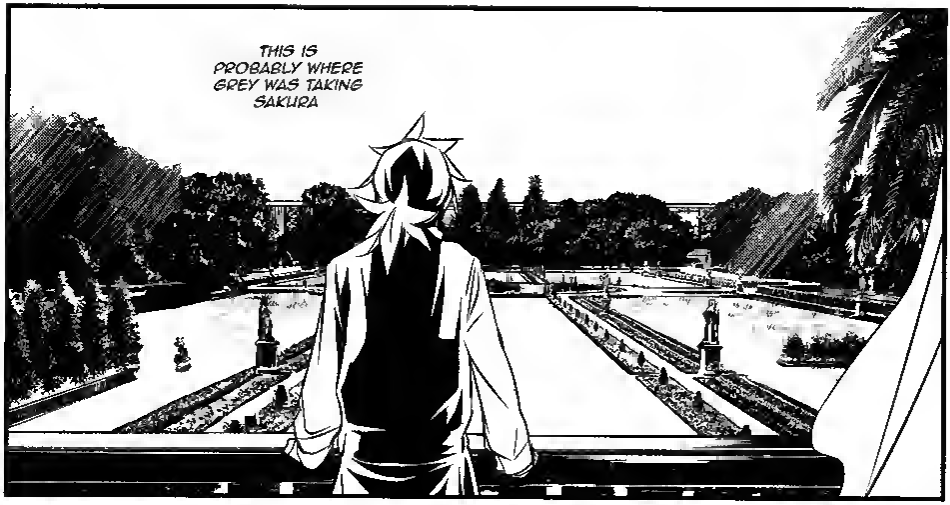
AFTER YOU CAPTURED THE DHALANI FORTRESS IN SURIYAH
YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE
!!
WE'RE IN KASER
ONE OF THE LEMURIAN COMPANY'S MERCER OFFICES

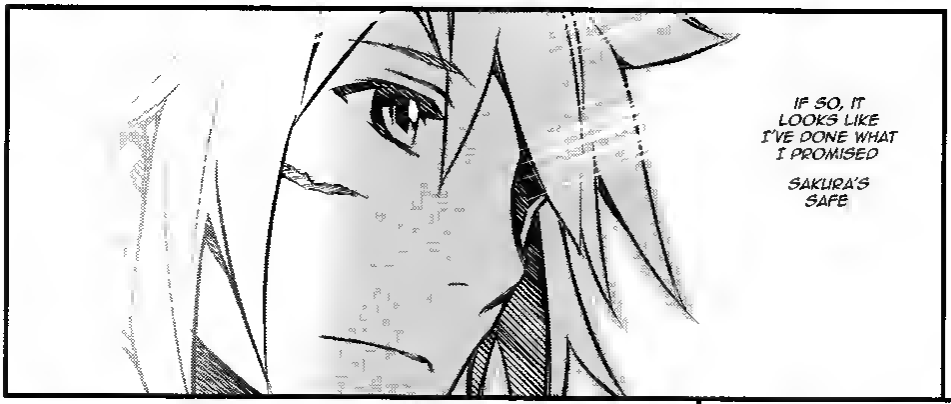
AND NOW THAT YOU'RE AWAKE...
...THERE'S SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO TALK TO YOU
PLEASE WAIT HERE...
MASTER MARE-BITO

SAKURA!
WHERE'S SAKURA?!
WHERE'S EVERYONE IN THE UNIT?!
RELAX.
THEY'RE WELL AND RESTING.

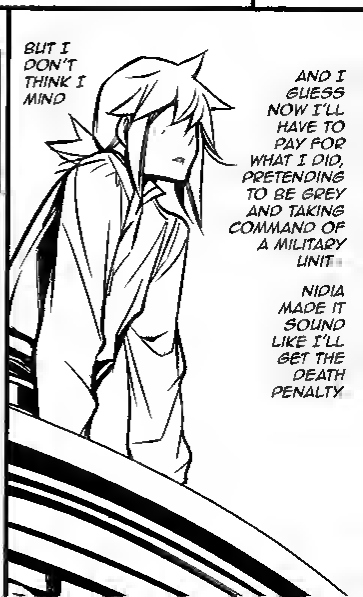



LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT THAT NOW...
MAREBITO, HUH?


THIS IS PROBABLY WHERE GREY WAS TAKING SAKURA


IF SO, IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE DONE WHAT I PROMISED
SAKURA'S SAFE

SO YOU'RE THE MAN WHO WOULD BE GREY...
I ACTUALLY DID SOMETHING FOR ONCE.
SOMETHING THAT MATTERS.
GOING OUT ON A HIGH NOTE DOESN'T SOUND SO BAD.


BUT I DON'T THINK I MIND
AND I GUESS NOW I'LL HAVE TO PAY FOR WHAT I DID, PRETENDING TO BE GREY AND TAKING COMMAND OF A MILITARY UNIT.
NIDIA MADE IT SOUND LIKE I'LL GET THE DEATH PENALTY.

I AM...
MASTER MAREBITO, MAY I PRESENT TO YOU
...THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEMURIAN COMPANY'S MARA BRANCH
HIS EXCELLENCY *LUCA ROCHEL ALBION.*
YOUR EXCELLENCY, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE
I IMPERSONATED AN OFFICER IN YOUR ARMY FOR MY OWN ENDS
I WILL ACCEPT ANY PUNISHMENT YOU MAY SEE FIT
OH?
EAGER FOR PUNISHMENT, ARE WE?
I MUST CONFESS, THE ENTIRE ORDEAL WAS MOSTLY NOTHING BUT PAIN, FEAR AND HARDSHIP
WHATEVER HAPPENS NOW, I'M JUST RELIEVED TO BE FREE OF THAT BURDEN
SO YOU WANT TO BE PUNISHED
VERY WELL
...AND YOU'RE LOOKING TO FREE YOURSELF OF THE ROLE YOU ASSUMED?

STRANGER FROM AFAR, I HEREBY SENTENCE YOU...
...TO CONTINUE ACTING AS MAJOR GREY ENFIELD
THEN YOUR PUNISH-MENT WILL BE THIS.

...BEFORE YOU DECIDE FOR CERTAIN, YOU SHOULD LET ME FINISH.
BECAUSE CHOICES HAVE CONSE-QUENCES.
WHILE IT'S NOT AS IF I CAN FORCE YOU TO DO IT...
IF I KEEP IT UP, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE—
I...
YOU WHAT?!
BUT THAT'S—
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
IT'S ONLY LUCK THAT I GOT AWAY WITH IT THIS SHORT TIME!

AND IN THIS CASE, REFUSAL MEANS THE ADAAR! PRINCESS WILL BE THROWN OUT ON THE STREET WITHOUT PROTECTION.
AND LIEUTENANT LIGIA AND HER PLUCKY UNIT WILL FIND THEIR NEXT OPERATION TO BE AN UNWINNABLE SUICIDE MISSION, UTTERLY WITHOUT POINT, CAUSE OR MERIT
NOW YOU MAY DECIDE.

SHINJU NO NECTAR
NECTAR OF DHARANI

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